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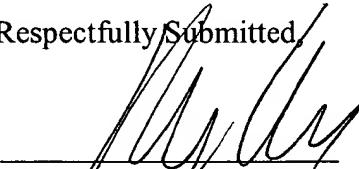
My review of the file for this application shows (1) that application Serial No. 09/307,988 filed 5/10/99 claimed priority to application Serial No. 08/816,097, filed March 14, 1997 and application Serial No. 08/816,097, filed March 14, 1997 and (2) the official filing receipt does not list the priority claim to application Serial No. 08/816,097, filed March 14, 1997.

In response (1) I have requested a corrected official filing receipt and (2) filed this amendment to comply with the requirements of 35 USC 120.

I also note that the original claim in this application to priority to application Serial No. 08/816,097, filed March 14, 1997 was under 35 USC 121, i.e., divisional status. However, (1) 08/816,097 is abandoned and therefore divisional status provides no benefit to this application and (2) a new claim set is present in this application. Accordingly, the applicants no longer claim divisional status under 35 USC 121 and only claim priority to 08/816,097 under 35 USC 120.

Respectfully Submitted,

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